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1. Wilhelm Meissner, chief of HA III¹ of the East German Foreign Ministry, stated on 17 May 1955 that President Tito of Yugoslavia is sorry that he has allied himself with the West. Meissner believes that Tito has accepted excessive loans from the West and is now deeply in debt, and that he will probably join the eastern-bloc alliance.
2. Richard Gypfner, chief of HA II² of the Foreign Ministry, is leaving on 22 May for a trip to Helsinki and Geneva. He will go first to Helsinki, allegedly to "straighten out a mess". Meissner has expressed surprise that this has not yet been accomplished. The "mess" is understood to be in connection with the East German trade mission in Helsinki.
3. Johannes König, East German ambassador to China and North Vietnam, and Richard Fischer, ambassador to North Korea, arrived in Berlin on 16 May. The reason for their visit and the prospective length of their stay in Berlin have not been divulged.

Comments:

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1. Hauptabteilung III is concerned with "German and European policy".
2. HA II deals with matters relating to capitalist countries.

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